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1. ACCORDING TO BOARD OF CUSTOMS OFFICIAL DIFFERENT METHODS OF IDENTIFYING COUNTRIES THAT EXPORT TO AND IMPORT FROM FINLAND ACCOUNT FOR CONFUSION OF FINNISH-US TRADE STATISTICS (REFTEL). FINNISH BOARD OF CUSTOMS, OECD AND UN RECORD C.I.F. IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND F.O.B. EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF CONSUMPTION; WHEREAS, BANK OF FINLAND CALCULATES C.I.F. IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF PURCHASE AND F.O.B. EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF SALE. BANK OF FINLAND BELIEVES ITS METHOD GIVES BETTER INDICATION OF FINANCIAL FLOWS.

2. BANK OF FINLAND FIGURES FOR IMPORTS FROM US ARE CONSISTENTLY HIGHER BECAUSE IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF PURCHASE, DETERMINED BY THE DOMICILE OF THE SELLER ENTERED ON THE INVOICE, INCLUDE SOME IMPORTS WHICH ACTUALLY ORIGINATE FROM SUBSIDIARIES OR MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES OUTSIDE US.  
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